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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **MEDS AND LEADER RECONCILIATION**

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This is to update your Board on the status of the reconciliation of the State's Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) and LEADER. In my December 10, 2003 memo to your Board, I advised you that reconciliation of the MEDS and LEADER systems would remove from the State's MEDS files persons who had previously been terminated on LEADER. The reconciliation was expected to occur in December 2003, however, the actual reconciliation occurred on March 6, 2004.

With the implementation of LEADER back in 1999, an automated process was established to notify the State's MEDS System of Medi-Cal eligibility information whenever a person was terminated off LEADER. However, because multiple case data elements had to be matched in order to close Medi-Cal cases, not all the LEADER terminations functioned on the State's MEDS system. The State and DPSS have been working together over the past year to try and get the two systems in synch. The MEDS and LEADER Systems Reconciliation will accomplish that.

As a result of this month's reconciliation, 152,147 person records already terminated from LEADER will be terminated from the State's MEDS System. These persons have not had any activity on their cases in the last twelve months. We estimate that about 50% of these records involve Managed Care members and capitation funding will cease for them effective May 1, 2004. Both LA Care and Health Net are aware of the impact on their capitation rate funding.

In concert with the State, my Department will send a Notice of Action (NOA) to all persons whose records were terminated on MEDS. Notices will be mailed in early April, with a termination date effective May 1, 2004. The NOA will include our toll free Central Helpline telephone numbers (both voice and TTY/TDD) for inquiry and assistance. Our goal is to assist all impacted families interested in continued Medi-Cal eligibility.

Future MEDS and LEADER reconciliations will occur quarterly.

BY:sls

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